

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet(s) include changes to Fig. 2. Fig. 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error. In particular, reference number 3 has been changed to reference number 11. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 15, 2007, claims 1 – 7 are allowed. However, the specification, drawings, and Oath are objected to.

Objection to the Oath/Declaration

A new Oath/Declaration has been submitted.

Objection to the Drawings

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Objection to the Specification

Paragraphs [0010] and [0011] of the Published Application (U.S. Publ. No. 2005/0174829 A1) have been amended to remove direct reference to claims 2, 3, 5, and 6. The paragraphs have been amended to recite the claim language of the corresponding claims.

Regarding the Office Action's suggestion to add section headings, Applicant respectfully declines because the indicated suggestions in 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b) are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC § 111(a), but per 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for Applicant's use. The section headings are not mandatory, and in fact when Rule 77 was amended in 1996 (61 FR 42790, Aug. 19, 1996), Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, stated in the Official Gazette:

“Section 1.77 is permissive rather than mandatory. ... 1.77 merely expresses the Office's preference for the arrangement of the application elements. The Office may advise an applicant that the application does not comply with the format set forth in 1.77, and suggest this format for the applicant's consideration; however, the Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77.”

In view of the above, Applicant prefers not to add section headings.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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